

## Communication Theory (5ETB0) Module 3.1

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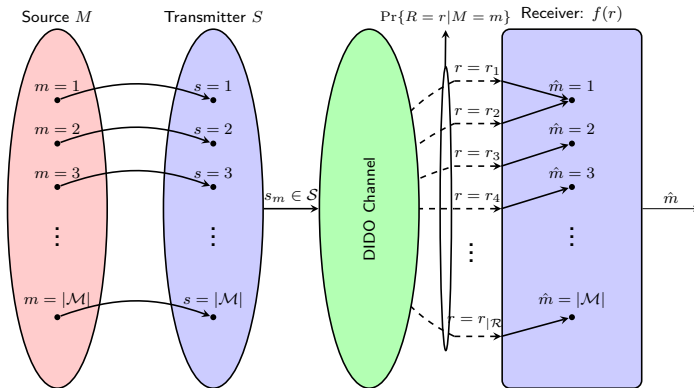
## Definitions (1/2)



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- Source: Produces a *message*  $m \in \mathcal{M} \triangleq \{1, 2, \dots, |\mathcal{M}|\}$  with probability  $\Pr\{M = m\}$  for  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ . The r.v. is  $M$
- Transmitter: Sends a *signal*  $s_m \in \mathcal{S}$  if message  $m$  is to be transmitted. The r.v. is  $S$
- Channel: Produces output  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  (r.v. is  $R$ ) with conditional probability  $\Pr\{R = r | S = s\}$
- Receiver: Forms an *estimate*  $\hat{m}$  by observing the received channel output  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  using a mapping  $\hat{m} = f(r) \in \mathcal{M}$ . The r.v. is  $\hat{M}$

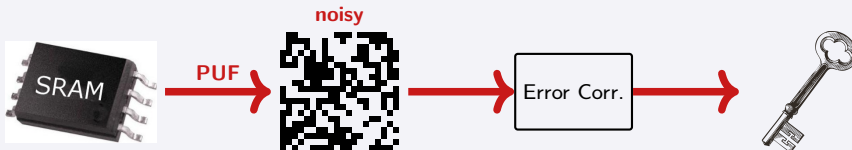
## Definitions (2/2)



## Motivation for DIDO Channels: SRAM-PUF

### Average Error Probability

- Use power-on value of SRAM to generate cryptographic keys
- Error-Correcting Codes required to reliably reconstruct the key from noisy binary values
- RESCURE project: improve security, reliability, performance



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## Error Probability Definitions

### The Detection Problem

- For a given channel, find the best **decision rule**  $f(r)$
- Best in what sense? Error probability...

### Average Error Probability

The **probability of error** is defined as

$$P_e \triangleq \Pr\{\hat{M} \neq M\}. \quad (1)$$

The **probability of correct decision** is defined as

$$P_c \triangleq \Pr\{\hat{M} = M\} = 1 - P_e. \quad (2)$$

### Optimum Receiver

A receiver is optimum if it minimizes the error probability  $P_e$ .

## Correct Probability via Joint PMF (1/2)

### Average Error Probability

The correct probability can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_c &= \Pr\{M = \hat{M}\} \\
 &= \Pr\{M = f(R)\} \\
 &= \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} \Pr\{R = r, M = f(r)\} \\
 &= \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \Pr\{R = r, m = f(r) | M = m\} \Pr\{M = m\} \\
 &= \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} \Pr\{R = r, m = f(r) | M = m\} \Pr\{M = m\} \\
 &= \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}: f(r)=m} \Pr\{R = r | M = m\} \Pr\{M = m\} \\
 &= \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}: f(r)=m} \Pr\{M = m, R = r\}
 \end{aligned}$$



## Correct Probability via Joint PMF (2/2)

### Error Probability Computation: A Recipe

- We showed that:

$$P_c = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}: f(r)=m} \Pr\{M = m, R = r\}$$

- Make a table with  $\Pr\{M = m, R = r\}$  for all possible combinations of  $m$  and  $r$
- For each  $M = m$ , find all columns where  $f(r) = m$ , and sum them up
- Alternatively, for each  $R = r$ , identify the entry in the table that the detection rule  $f(r)$  will choose

## Example 3.1 (1/4)

### Applying the Recipe

- Tx signals:  $s \in \mathcal{S} = \{s_1, s_2\}$  ( $|\mathcal{M}| = 2$ ). Rx signals:  $r \in \mathcal{R} = \{a, b, c\}$
- A-priori probabilities:

$m$	$\Pr\{M = m\}$
1	0.4
2	0.6

- Conditional probabilities:

$m$	$\Pr\{R = a S = s_m\}$	$\Pr\{R = b S = s_m\}$	$\Pr\{R = c S = s_m\}$
1	0.5	0.4	0.1
2	0.1	0.3	0.6

- Decision rule:  $f(r) = 1$  if  $r \in \{a, b\}$  and  $f(r) = 2$  if  $r = c$
- Joint probabilities:

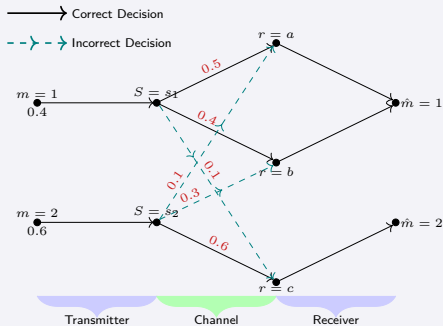
$m$	$\Pr\{M = m, R = a\}$	$\Pr\{M = m, R = b\}$	$\Pr\{M = m, R = c\}$
1	0.20	0.16	0.04
2	0.06	0.18	0.36

- Correct probability is  $P_c = 0.2 + 0.16 + 0.36 = 0.72 \Rightarrow P_e = 0.28$

## Example 3.1 (2/4): A different view

### A Graphical Interpretation

$$P_e = \Pr\{\hat{M} \neq M\} = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \Pr\{\hat{M} \neq M | M = m\} \Pr\{M = m\} \quad (3)$$



Error probability is  $P_e = 0.4 \cdot 0.1 + 0.6 \cdot (0.1 + 0.3) = 0.28 \Rightarrow P_c = 0.72$

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## Example 3.1 (3/4)

### Maximum Likelihood Detection

- Can we increase  $P_c$  by improving  $f(r)$ ?

$$P_c = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}: f(r)=m} \Pr\{M = m, R = r\}$$

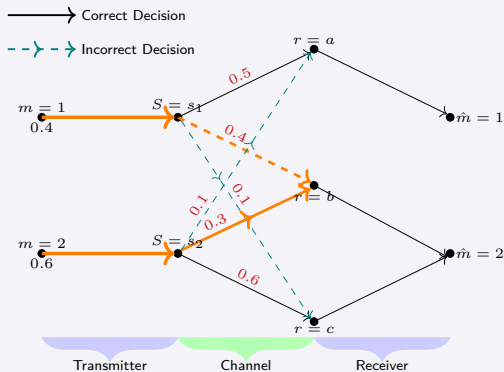
- For each column, the decision rule picks one row
- The example:

$m$	$\Pr\{M = m, R = a\}$	$\Pr\{M = m, R = b\}$	$\Pr\{M = m, R = c\}$
1	0.20	0.16	0.04
2	0.06	0.18	0.36

- A higher correct probability is  $P_c = 0.2 + 0.18 + 0.36 = 0.74 \Rightarrow P_e = 0.26$

## Example 3.1 (4/4): A different view

### A Graphical Interpretation



Error probability is  $P_e = 0.4 \cdot (0.1 + 0.4) + 0.6 \cdot 0.1 = 0.26 \Rightarrow P_c = 0.74$

## Summary Module 3.1

### Take Home Messages

- DIDO Channels and problem definition
- Error probability definition and calculations
- Detection can be improved

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